

UNABLE TO STAND FINANCIAL GAME

Chicagoan Paid \$32,000 Interest on \$4,000.

COURTS SUSTAINED RATE

Major Bell Told Master in Chancery That He Made Other and Similar Loans.

CHICAGO, March 4.—Thirty-two thousand dollars is a stiff sum to pay as interest on a loan of \$4,000 for a little more than four years, but Charles E. Rand submitted to the court, and the courts have held that Major William Bell, who collected the interest, may keep it.

Rand, who is a real estate dealer, borrowed \$1,000 from Major Bell, father of Lillian Bell, the author, December 29, 1895, gave his check for \$1,000, and took Major Bell's check for \$507. The former check was not to be presented at the bank until the expiration of one week. Before that time elapsed Rand found he would be unable to pay the check, and told Major Bell so.

The latter gave him another check for \$507, and took one for \$1,000, good one week later. With the \$507 secured on Major Bell's check, and \$438 from his own pocket, Rand paid his first check for \$1,000. As the days, weeks, months, and years went by he still found himself unable to close the deal.

Interest Swamped Him. The amount of interest, rated at 343 each week for each \$1,000, ran up so rapidly that Rand was soon entangled hopelessly.

Rand made a new arrangement with Major Bell in 1898, whereby his checks for \$1,000 each were to be discounted by Major Bell at the rate of \$5 a day in interest for each \$1,000. As time went on Rand would borrow on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday to keep down the interest. On Wednesday loan was made to take up the loan of Monday, the Saturday check to cover the loan of Wednesday, and so on.

Rand alleged he was informed early in January, 1900, that Major Bell held checks signed by him, which had not yet been presented to the bank, amounting to \$1,500, and that Major Bell also held notes signed by Rand and his father for \$8,000.

Then Worm Turned. Bell declined to call the deal off, it is said, except by giving Rand \$50, and collecting the money represented by the notes for \$8,000. This Rand would not agree to, and as a result he petitioned the court to issue an injunction restraining Major Bell from collecting the notes or from disposing of the checks.

Judge Kavanaugh ordered that a decree be entered compelling the return of the security and checks, but denied the petition for the return of excess interest.

When the case was heard by a master in chancery, Major Bell testified that he loaned money to other persons at the same approximate rate charged Rand.

WHIPPING HER PUPILS MADE TEACHER INSANE

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 4.—Miss Bertha Montgomery, nineteen years old, a popular teacher in the public schools at Owensville, is hopelessly insane on account of having stood by and watched the principal of the school whip thirty of her pupils.

Miss Montgomery's pupils have been unmanageable, and on Tuesday the principal whipped them one at a time. Being of an extremely nervous disposition, Miss Montgomery was much wrought up by the sight, and when the principal laid his hands on her she was walking the floor, pulling her hair. Within a few moments she was a raving maniac.

UNKNOWN MAN RUN OVER BY HORSE AND BUGGY

Knocked down by a horse attached to a buggy and driven by William Fry, near the corner of Fourteenth Street and Welling Place, a man who refused to give his name was slightly injured about the limbs late yesterday afternoon.

The man refused to prosecute the driver and continued on his way.

SLIDING SCALE RULES THE LEAVE OF FIREMEN

Hereafter all members of the Fire Department, who have served a year or more, will have an annual leave of twenty days; those who have served six months will have ten days, while the three-month men will get five days only.

The District Commissioners have approved Fire Chief Bell's recommendation to this effect.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES Will Be Specially Interested in NEXT SUNDAY'S TIMES.

The Times has asked of members of the Administration, of heads of departments and of others prominent in official life this question:

Should civil service employees, on reaching a certain age, be retired on pensions?

In response, many of those concerned have, for the first time, given expression to their views. A majority of the Cabinet members are included in the number.

The replies, which treat the subject frankly and in detail, will be printed in next Sunday's Washington Times.

Every Government clerk will want to see the position which these influential men take.

POLICEMAN KILLED DOG.

Supposed to have rabies, a dog was killed at Fifth and G Streets northwest yesterday afternoon by Crossing Policeman R. H. Hughes, stationed at the intersection of those thoroughfares.

Five Burned to Death In Fierce Prairie Fire

Flames Sweep Over 3,000 Square Miles in Oklahoma, Bearing Destruction to Farms and Ranches.

LAWTON, Okla., March 4.—Reports received here indicate that five persons have been burned to death and three thousand square miles of territory in Kiowa and Comanche counties swept by prairie fires. Hundreds of people are homeless.

Following is a partial list of the killed and injured:

D. Hammond, living six miles northeast of Lawton, burned to a cinder; John Hammond, cannot live; A. N. Crawford, near Lawton, seriously burned; Mrs. Henderson, widow, living near Lawton, and two daughters, seriously burned, one cannot live.

The report says that more fatalities are expected, as the reports from some districts are meager.

At Hobart, the county seat of Kiowa

county, the fire approached from the east, destroying the stables and fences, racehorses, fifteen residences, two business houses, and various small buildings. Spreading to the southwest, the fire swept 75,000 acres of Government military and timber reserve and Indian school reserve, destroying several Indian houses and forty head of Government cattle.

Spreading westward, the flames covered miles of homestead district, destroying houses, barns, and stock. It was in this district that five persons are reported to have perished in attempting to protect their property. Three were Deck and John Harmon, brothers, and two daughters, seriously burned, one cannot live.

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PROPERTY BOUGHT BY WARDER ESTATE

One Hundred Thousand Dollars Paid for House and Lots on K and Fifteenth Streets.

The B. H. Warder estate has bought from Eliza C. Hutchinson the house at the northwest corner of Fifteenth and K Streets, and the adjoining vacant lot for \$100,000. The property adjoins the District residence, and it is understood that improvements are to be undertaken to make it a part of the same.

Loan for Pythian Temple.

The Knights of Pythias Hall Association has obtained a loan of \$45,000 on lot 22, square 370, the site on which the new Pythian temple is to be erected. The money was obtained from the Washington Loan and Trust Company.

Occupants of the site of the New Business High School, on Rhode Island Avenue, will soon be notified by the District authorities to vacate the premises on the expiration of their leases, as operations are soon to be begun.

Robert N. Harper, president of the American National Bank, has bought a large lot at Sixteenth and Madison Streets where he will build a residence for himself. The size of the lot is 60 feet, and the dwelling is to have a frontage of 25.5 feet.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Alley, between 7 and 11, Twelfth and Thirteenth Streets northwest—Elmer L. McIntosh at \$1,000 to Frank B. Jones, lot 6, square 24, \$10.

Barry Farm—Furnham J. Shadd at \$1,000 to James Waters, part lot 6, section 7, Bloomingdale—Amanda M. Dean to Joseph Paul, lot 7, block 9, \$10.

1023 B Street southeast—Margaret A. Clair at \$1,000 to Florence C. Greener, lot 37, square 569, \$10.

3123 B Street northwest—between Thirtieth and Thirty-first Streets—Jesse H. Wilson at \$1,000 to Katharine Beck, part lot 1, square 1229, \$4,500. Same to John V. Frey, part lots 1 and 2, square 1229, \$750.

Bloomingdale—Francis A. Blundon at \$1,000 to Frank S. Wallace, lot 76, block 9, \$10.

Seventeenth Street northwest, between T and U Streets—Margaret L. Sands at \$1,000 to A. Walton Fleming, Charles H. Davidson, lot 4, \$10. Robert E. Lee at \$1,000 to same, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, \$24,555.56.

Between Fifteenth and Sixteenth Streets—Eliza C. Hutchinson to American Security and Trust Company, lot 28 and original lot 2, square 188, \$100,000.

NEGROES SELECT POE AS DISTRICT DELEGATE

Result of Joint Meeting Held by Republican Clubs.

There was a large and enthusiastic joint meeting of committees representing Republican clubs and assembly districts at 415 K Street northwest last night. Cornelius Lewis called the meeting to order and stated that the meeting had been called to endorse candidates for delegate and alternate to the Chicago convention. Mr. Lewis, president of the Roosevelt and Fairbanks Club, was elected chairman. W. T. Morris, vice president of the Eleventh District Republican Club, was elected secretary. Mr. Lewis called for a vote on the endorsement of James W. Poe, who was unanimously endorsed for delegate, and after some discussion Coleman Horner was endorsed for alternate.

Every mention of the name of President Roosevelt was the signal for loud applause.

The clubs represented were the Roosevelt and Fairbanks, Eleventh District Republican Club, the Roosevelt and Durbin, the Seventeenth District, the Nineteenth and Twentieth Districts, and there were residents from other districts.

COMMISSIONERS OBJECT TO STREET IMPROVEMENT

The District Commissioners today wrote to the Senate Committee on the District, explaining that they are unable to recommend favorable action upon the bill now pending for the extension of S and T Streets, in the vicinity of Eckington. The state of the District finances is given as the reason for the adverse action on the bill.

The Commissioners explained, however, that they realized the claim of the citizens of that section to special consideration in the matter of improvement of the new terminal improvements there.

PHOTOGRAPHY BY CURRENTS.

MADRID, March 4.—An Andalusian engineer named Joseph Hernandez has invented an electric photographic machine which is able to print 10,000 proofs daily by electric currents.

"LIGHT THAT FAILED" A FINE PRODUCTION

Forbes Robertson and Gertrude Elliott Present Sympathetic and Forceful Dramatization of Novel.

Most of the audiences of "The Light That Failed" have undoubtedly awaited the rise of the curtain with some misgivings, since characters so marked as those of Kipling's striking novel can rarely be transferred to the stage without spoiling somebody's idea of them. It may safely be said, however, that in this case Forbes Robertson, Miss Gertrude Elliott, and their excellent company, not only carry out the ideas of the dramatists, but present a play sympathetic and true from even the novel-reader's point of view.

It is, of course, very different in situation and dialogue from the novel, and those who have fallen under the spell of the dauntless, tragic story of Dick Riddar will find the play a lighter and happier creation, though no less characteristic of Kipling. Mr. Robertson's Dick is impetuous, reckless, enthusiastic, loyal, and tender by turns, but no untutored hero; he is a real man, an individual whom men may like and women may love.

This last scene, which the gathering of the war correspondents, the return of Bessie, and the revelation of Maisie's love are brought in, is altogether strong and admirable, and the episode of the ruined picture gains dramatic force when Dick shows the wreck to a group of his comrades.

The last interview with Bessie alone, however, as far as possible from being a one-part play. The Torpenhow of Aubrey Smith is precisely what the character should be, strong and quiet, with a touch of humor. Guy Lane does some amusing work as Cassavetti, with some of the comedy of the play seeming to act the comedienne, James J. Ryan as the Nighai is not the Nighai at all, being altogether too sleek and well-groomed for that cynical barbarian, but his acting is good in his way. Auriel Lee, as Bessie Brooke, does some excellent good work in which it would be hard to find a point for criticism; and Ruth Berkeley, as the Red-Raided Girl, is also good. Ernest Cosham as Breton, Minnie Griffin as Mrs. Haynes, and Dora Barker as the French maid, make the most of their respective parts.

With the scenery and stage management no fault can be found. The singing of Gerard Cobb's setting of "Mandelay" and various other songs by the war correspondents, is very well done and well managed.

PERMANENCE OF CURE.

The Chief Merit.

Many so-called pills remedies will afford the user slight temporary relief, and the majority of sufferers do not expect more than this. Women especially, after having tried every preparation recommended for the cure of piles, have come to the conclusion that there is no cure except by an operation. This is rightly viewed with dread, because of the shock to the delicate nervous system of women, and many of those afflicted have resigned themselves to the situation with never a thought that there is any help in sight for them.

We invite the attention of all such to the experience of the lady whose address is given below:

"I feel it my duty to recommend the Pyramid Pill Cure, for after suffering for years with a most distressing form of Piles, I am entirely cured, thanks to this remedy. Anyone doubting this can write to Margaret Brady, 156 Whitman Street, Cleveland, Ohio."

Ten months later she writes: "I am glad to say that I am still perfectly free from piles, and have not had the slightest trouble since I first used your remedy. I am well and happy, and have advertised Pyramid Pill Cure extensively here. I take pleasure in doing so, as it saved me from an operation, which I always dreaded, and you are assured the remedy can have no firmer advocate than I."

Testimony like this should convince the most skeptical that Pyramid Pill Cure is not only a cure, but cures to stay. It is in the form of a support, can be applied in the privacy of the home, and does its work quickly and painlessly.

Druggists sell this famous remedy for 50 cents a package, and will refer you to buy a package now and give it a trial tonight. Accept no substitutes. Write Pyramid Drug Co., Marshall, Mich., for their little book on the cause and cure of piles, which is sent free for the asking.

MUTUAL INTERESTS.

It is not our endeavor to cause you to use an excessive amount of fuel, but on the contrary, we are constantly studying ways and means of heating your home economically. The ALLEGHENY COMPANY, 215 11th St.

VISION AT NIGHT CAUSES INSANITY

Husband, Thought Dead, Appears to His Wife.

THREATENED TO KILL HER

Osborn Disappeared Years Ago Leaving Note Saying He Contemplated Suicide.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 4.—The climax of a pathetic drama in real life was recently reached in the probate court at Findlay, Ohio, when Mrs. Mary Osborn was adjudged insane and committed to the Toledo Asylum. A few years ago she lived with her husband and five children in North Findlay.

Osborn was thrown out of employment. He was persuaded to go to Michigan. Three days after his departure his clothing was found on the banks of the Maumee River, near Perryburg, and with it a note saying he was discouraged and that he had decided to end his troubles.

Mrs. Osborn mourned for her husband, but bravely struggled to support herself and the little ones. But Osborn was not dead. A short time ago an old friend happened to be in Bay City, Mich., and was surprised to meet the supposed dead man face to face on one of the principal thoroughfares. Greatly changed, after which Osborn was brought to Findlay to his broken-hearted wife and family.

Mrs. Osborn refused to believe the report until one night recently, when a scream from her room attracted the attention of a sister who was visiting her. Mrs. Osborn was unconscious when found, but recovered sufficiently to say that she awoke in the dead of night to distinguish the face and features of her husband bending over her in the dim light of a coal oil lamp burning on a bureau near her bed. She said he threatened to kill her if she moved, but she was so frightened that she could not heed his warning. An open window led to substantiate the woman's story.

Since that night she has failed rapidly, and the physician who examined her before the probate court says that she is hopelessly insane.

WITHOUT BUILDING LAND MUST PAY THE TAXES

Legal Opinion Upon Exemption of Ground Owned by Hospitals.

According to an opinion submitted to the District Commissioners by the Corporation Counsel on the application of the Georgetown and Homeopathic Hospital authorities for the exemption of certain tracts of land, the Georgetown application will be granted if, as claimed, the land is to be used for the purpose of putting up an addition to the hospital.

The opinion holds that the Homeopathic land must pay taxes until some building is erected on it. While there is no hospital building upon it, the natural inference is that it cannot be used for hospital and charitable purposes.

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NINTH AND PENNSYLVANIA AVE.

RADICAL CHANGE IN STATION PLAN

Work at H Street Is Suddenly Suspended.

BAGGAGE ROOM OVER STREET

New Scheme Will Obviate Making of Tunnel the Camping Place for Express Wagons.

It was reported at the District Building today that the engineers of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad are seriously contemplating a radical change in their plans for the 300-foot tunnel at H Street. Consideration of altered plans is responsible for the long delay of the engineers of the railroad and the District in coming to a final agreement as to the construction of the subway.

The change consists of altering the location of the baggage room for the new union station. The proposition now is to put this part of the station above ground, whereas the original plan was to have it underground on one side of the H Street tunnel. If the plan, as now outlined, is adopted, the baggage rooms will be above ground at H Street.

It was at first proposed to arrange these rooms similar to the disposition made of them in the Philadelphia station, that is, put all of them below the surface of the ground and let them open on a platform running the length of the tunnel.

Hoisting by Elevator. If this had been done, an elevator would have been used to hoist baggage to the street, and a long sloping roadway would have been constructed as an approach to the baggage department from the streets.

The new plan, however, will, it is believed, lessen the magnitude of the work of constructing the baggage rooms, and will finally hasten their completion. It has not been determined when a definite decision will be reached in regard to these changes, but it will probably take some time to settle all the details, as the plan of rearrangement presents a necessity for careful consideration.

The new station is still unsettled, and no disposition of them will be made prior to the return to this city of Pierce Anderson, the supervising architect of the work for D. H. Burnham & Co. Upon his arrival from Chicago he will confer with the Engineer Department as to what is to be done in regard to them.

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